

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

US DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
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CHRIS R. JOHNSON, Clerk
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

NEW MARKETS GROWTH FUND, LLC

Defendant.

Civ. Action No. 2:15mc 23

CONSENT JUDGMENT AND ORDER

Before this Court is the Complaint by the United States of America, on behalf of the United States Small Business Administration ("SBA"), for a permanent injunction, and the appointment of the SBA as Permanent Receiver for New Markets Growth Fund, LLC. The Court, being fully advised in the merits, and based upon the consent of the parties, believes this relief should be granted:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 363 of the Small Business Investment Act, this Court shall take exclusive jurisdiction of New Markets Growth Fund, LLC ("New Markets"), and all of its assets, wherever located, and the United States Small Business Administration ("SBA"), is hereby appointed receiver ("the Receiver") of New Markets to serve without bond until further order of this Court. The Receiver is appointed for the purpose of administering, marshaling and, if necessary, liquidating all of New Markets' assets to satisfy the claims of creditors therefrom in the order of priority as determined by this Court.
2. The Receiver shall have all powers, authorities, rights and privileges heretofore

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possessed by the managers, officers, and members of New Markets under applicable state and federal law and by the Limited Liability Company Agreement of said limited liability company, in addition to all powers and authority conferred upon the Receiver by the provisions of Section 363 of the Small Business Investment Act 28 U.S.C. § 754. The managers, officers, members, employees and agents of New Markets are hereby divested of all voting power or authority to act on behalf of New Markets. Such persons shall have no authority with respect to New Markets's operations or assets, except as may hereafter be expressly granted by the Receiver. The Receiver shall assume and control the operation of New Markets and shall pursue and preserve all of its claims.

3. The past and/or present officers, agents, managers, members, accountants, attorneys and employees of New Markets, as well as all those acting in their place, are hereby ordered and directed to turn over to the Receiver forthwith all books, records, documents, accounts and all other instruments and papers of said limited liability company and all other assets and property of the company, whether real or personal. New Markets shall furnish a written statement within five (5) days after the entry of this Order, listing the identity, location and estimated value of all assets of New Markets as well as the names, addresses and amounts of claims of all known creditors of New Markets. All persons having control, custody or possession of any assets or property of New Markets are hereby directed to turn such property over to the Receiver.

4. The Receiver shall promptly give notice of its appointment to all known members, officers, agents, managers, employees, creditors, debtors and agents of New Markets. All persons and entities owing any obligations or debts to New Markets shall, until further ordered by this Court, pay all such obligations in accordance with the terms thereof to the

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Receiver, and its receipt for such payments shall have the same force and effect as if New Markets had received such payments.

5. The Receiver is hereby authorized to open such Receiver's bank accounts, at banking or other financial institutions, to extend credit on behalf of New Markets, to utilize SBA personnel, and to employ such other personnel as necessary to effectuate the operation of the receivership including, but not limited to, attorneys and accountants, and is further authorized to expend receivership funds to compensate such personnel in such amounts and upon such terms as the Receiver shall deem reasonable in light of the usual fees and billing practices and procedures of such personnel. The Receiver is not required to obtain Court approval prior to the disbursement of receivership funds for payments to personnel employed by the Receiver or payments for expenses incidental to administration of the Receivership. In addition, the Receiver is authorized to reimburse the SBA or its employees for travel expenses incurred by SBA personnel in the establishment and administration of the receivership. The Receiver may, without further order of this Court, transfer, compromise, or otherwise dispose of any claim or asset, other than real estate, which would result in net proceeds to the Receiver.

6. New Markets's past and/or present members, officers, agents, managers, employees, and other appropriate persons (including, without limitation, the defendant's portfolio of small business concerns and banks or other financial institutions doing business with defendant and/or defendant's portfolio of small business concerns) shall answer under oath, pursuant to a Receiver's Notice or Subpoena, to the Receiver, all questions which it may put to them regarding the business of said partnership, or any other matter relevant to the operation or administration of the receivership or the collection of funds due to New Markets. In the event that the Receiver deems it necessary to require the appearance of the aforementioned persons,

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the production of documents, information, or any other form of discovery concerning the assets, property or business assets of New Markets or any other matter relevant to the operation or administration of the Receivership or the collection of funds due to New Markets, the Receiver shall direct notice for any such appearance by certified mail, and said persons shall appear and give answer to the Receiver, produce documents or submit to any other form of discovery in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

7 The parties or prospective parties to any and all civil legal proceedings wherever located, including, but not limited to arbitration proceedings, bankruptcy or foreclosure actions, default proceedings, or any other proceedings involving (i) New Markets, (ii) any assets of New Markets, (iii) the Receiver for New Markets, and (iv) New Markets's present or past managers, to the extent said civil legal proceedings involve any action taken by them while acting in their official capacity for New Markets, are enjoined from taking any action, including discovery, commencing or continuing any legal proceeding of any nature without further order of this Court.

8. All civil legal proceedings wherever located, including arbitration proceedings, foreclosure activities, bankruptcy actions, or default proceedings, but excluding the instant proceeding, involving (i) New Markets, (ii) any of assets of New Markets, (iii) the Receiver for New Markets or (iv) New Markets's present or past managers to the extent said civil legal proceedings involve any action taken in their official capacity for New Markets, are stayed in their entirety, and all Courts having any jurisdiction thereof are enjoined from taking or permitting any action in such proceedings until further Order of this Court.

9 Further, as to a cause of action accrued or accruing in favor of New Markets against a third person or party, any applicable statute of limitation is tolled during the period

in which this injunction against commencement of legal proceedings is in effect as to that cause of action.

10. New Markets and its past and/or present members, officers, managers, agents, employees and other persons acting in concert or participation therewith be, and they hereby are, enjoined from either directly or indirectly taking any actions or causing any such action to be taken which would dissipate the assets and property of New Markets to the detriment of the Receiver appointed in this cause, including but not limited to destruction of company records, or which would violate the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended, (the "SBIA"), 15 U.S.C. Section 661 et seq., or the regulations promulgated thereunder, (the "Regulations"), 13 C.F.R. § 108.10 et seq.

11. The Receiver is authorized to borrow on behalf of New Markets, from the SBA, up to \$1,000,000, and is authorized to cause New Markets to issue Receiver's Certificates of Indebtedness in the principal amounts of the sums borrowed, which certificates will bear interest at or about 10 percent per annum and will have a maturity date no later than 18 months after the date of issue. Said Receiver's Certificates of Indebtedness shall have priority over all other debts and obligations of New Markets, excluding administrative expenses of the Receivership, whether presently existing or hereinafter incurred, including without limitation any claims of partners of New Markets.

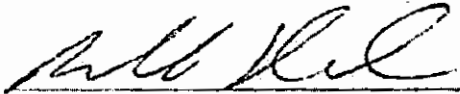
12. This Court determines and adjudicates that New Markets has violated the SBIA and the Regulations, as alleged in the Complaint filed in this matter.

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13. The United States Small Business Administration is further entitled to a judgment against New Markets in the total sum of \$14,681,542.25 as of December 31, 2014, consisting of principal in the amount of \$13,670,000 plus accrued interest of \$1,011,542.25 through December 31, 2014, with a per diem interest rate of \$2.085.65 through the date of entry of this Order (as reduced by previous principal and interest payments received by SBA), plus post judgment interest pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961 as of the date of entry of this Order.

New Markets Growth Fund, LLC

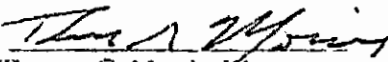
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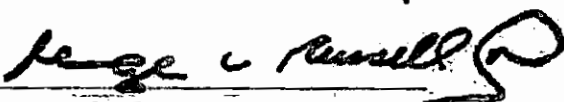
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Mark Grovic, Managing Member

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Thomas G. Morris, Director
SBA Office of Liquidation

SO ORDERED this 1st day of April, 2015


George L. Russell, III
United States District Judge